

REMARKS

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed July 31, 2009, which has been reviewed and carefully considered. By means of the present amendment, claim 21 has been canceled without prejudice and its features included in independent claims 1 and 22. Accordingly, no new issues requiring a new search have been introduced and entry of the present Amendment is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-7, 9-14, 20 and 22-32 are pending in the application, where claims 8 and 15-19 had been previously canceled without prejudice, claims 29-32 had been previously added, and claim 21 has been currently canceled without prejudice. Claims 1 and 22 are independent.

In the Final Office Action, claims 1-5, 9-10, 12-14, 20-22, 26-28 and 31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over EP 1278244 (Song). Further, claims 6-7, 11, 23-25, 29-30 and 32 rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Song in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0125822 (Graff). It is

respectfully submitted that claims 1-7, 9-14, 20 and 22-32 are patentable over Song and Graff for at least the following reasons.

Song is directed to a panel display device and a method for forming protective layers having a multi-layered sealing structure. A barrier 200 divides an organic EL layer 300 formed on a substrate 100. A multi-layered protective layer 400, 500, 600, 700 is formed on the organic EL layer 300 and barriers 200. As clearly shown in the figures, such as FIGs 1 and 3A-3E, the barrier 200 has vertical walls.

In stark contrast, the present invention as recited in independent claim 1, and similarly recited in independent claim 22, amongst other patentable elements recites (illustrative emphasis provided):

wherein the protruding structures have negative slopes that form shadow regions.


Protruding structures with negative slopes that form shadow regions are nowhere disclosed or suggested in Song. Rather, Song discloses a barrier 200 having vertical walls. Graff is cited to allegedly show other features and does not remedy the deficiencies in Song.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that independent claims 1 and 22 are allowable, and allowance thereof is respectfully requested. In addition, it is respectfully submitted that claims 2-7, 9-14, 20 and 23-32 should also be allowed based at least on their dependence from independent claims 1 and 22 as well as their individually patentable elements. Accordingly, separate consideration of each of the dependent claims is respectfully requested.

In addition, Applicants deny any statement, position or averment of the Examiner that is not specifically addressed by the foregoing argument and response. Any rejections and/or points of argument not addressed would appear to be moot in view of the presented remarks. However, the Applicants reserve the right to submit further arguments in support of the above stated position, should that become necessary. No arguments are waived and none of the Examiner's statements are conceded.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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